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1 AN ACT Relating to recreational fishing and hunting licenses;
2 amending RCW 77.08.010, 77.12.810, 77.32.070, 77.32.155, 77.32.350,
3 77.32.370, 77.32.430, 77.32.440, 77.32.450, 77.32.460, 77.32.470,
4 77.32.480, 77.32.520, 77.32.570, and 77.32.575; adding new sections
5 to chapter 77.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW;
6 repealing 2009 c 420 s 7, 2011 c 339 s 40, 2016 c 223 ss 7, 8, and 9,
7 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 3 ss 1, 2, and 3 (uncodified); prescribing
8 penalties; providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.08.010 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 8 s 2 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 The definitions in this section apply throughout this title or
13 rules adopted under this title unless the context clearly requires
14 otherwise.

15 (1) "Angling gear" means a line attached to a rod and reel
16 capable of being held in hand while landing the fish or a handheld
17 line operated without rod or reel.

18 (2) "Bag limit" means the maximum number of game animals, game
19 birds, or game fish which may be taken, caught, killed, or possessed
20 by a person, as specified by rule of the commission for a particular
21 period of time, or as to size, sex, or species.

1 (3) "Building" means a private domicile, garage, barn, or public
2 or commercial building.

3 (4) "Closed area" means a place where the hunting of some or all
4 species of wild animals or wild birds is prohibited.

5 (5) "Closed season" means all times, manners of taking, and
6 places or waters other than those established by rule of the
7 commission as an open season. "Closed season" also means all hunting,
8 fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game
9 fish, food fish, or shellfish that do not conform to the special
10 restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the
11 commission as an open season or that have not otherwise been deemed
12 legal to hunt, fish, take, harvest, or possess by rule of the
13 commission as an open season.

14 (6) "Closed waters" means all or part of a lake, river, stream,
15 or other body of water, where fishing or harvesting is prohibited.

16 (7) "Commercial" means related to or connected with buying,
17 selling, or bartering.

18 (8) "Commission" means the state fish and wildlife commission.

19 (9) "Concurrent waters of the Columbia river" means those waters
20 of the Columbia river that coincide with the Washington-Oregon state
21 boundary.

22 (10) "Contraband" means any property that is unlawful to produce
23 or possess.

24 (11) "Covered animal species" means any species of elephant,
25 rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle,
26 shark, or ray either: (a) Listed in appendix I or appendix II of the
27 convention on international trade in endangered species of wild flora
28 and fauna; or (b) listed as critically endangered, endangered, or
29 vulnerable on the international union for conservation of nature and
30 natural resources red list of threatened species.

31 (12) "Covered animal species part or product" means any item that
32 contains, or is wholly or partially made from, any covered animal
33 species.

34 (13) "Deleterious exotic wildlife" means species of the animal
35 kingdom not native to Washington and designated as dangerous to the
36 environment or wildlife of the state.

37 (14) "Department" means the department of fish and wildlife.

38 (15) "Director" means the director of fish and wildlife.

39 (16) "Distribute" or "distribution" means either a change in
40 possession for consideration or a change in legal ownership.

1 (17) "Endangered species" means wildlife designated by the
2 commission as seriously threatened with extinction.

3 (18) "Ex officio fish and wildlife officer" means:

4 (a) A commissioned officer of a municipal, county, or state
5 agency having as its primary function the enforcement of criminal
6 laws in general, while the officer is acting in the respective
7 jurisdiction of that agency;

8 (b) An officer or special agent commissioned by one of the
9 following: The national marine fisheries service; the Washington
10 state parks and recreation commission; the United States fish and
11 wildlife service; the Washington state department of natural
12 resources; the United States forest service; or the United States
13 parks service, if the agent or officer is in the respective
14 jurisdiction of the primary commissioning agency and is acting under
15 a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department
16 and the primary commissioning agency;

17 (c) A commissioned fish and wildlife peace officer from another
18 state who meets the training standards set by the Washington state
19 criminal justice training commission pursuant to RCW 10.93.090,
20 43.101.080, and 43.101.200, and who is acting under a mutual law
21 enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the
22 primary commissioning agency; or

23 (d) A Washington state tribal police officer who successfully
24 completes the requirements set forth under RCW 43.101.157, is
25 employed by a tribal nation that has complied with RCW 10.92.020(2)
26 (a) and (b), and is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance
27 agreement between the department and the tribal government.

28 (19) "Fish" includes all species classified as game fish or food
29 fish by statute or rule, as well as all finfish not currently
30 classified as food fish or game fish if such species exist in state
31 waters. The term "fish" includes all stages of development and the
32 bodily parts of fish species.

33 (20) "To fish" and its derivatives means an effort to kill,
34 injure, harass, harvest, or capture a fish or shellfish.

35 (21) "Fish and wildlife officer" means a person appointed and
36 commissioned by the director, with authority to enforce this title
37 and rules adopted pursuant to this title, and other statutes as
38 prescribed by the legislature. Fish and wildlife officer includes a
39 person commissioned before June 11, 1998, as a wildlife agent or a
40 fisheries patrol officer.

1 (22) "Fish broker" means a person who facilitates the sale or
2 purchase of raw or frozen fish or shellfish on a fee or commission
3 basis, without assuming title to the fish or shellfish.

4 (23) "Fish dealer" means a person who engages in any activity
5 that triggers the need to obtain a fish dealer license under RCW
6 77.65.280.

7 (24) "Fishery" means the taking of one or more particular species
8 of fish or shellfish with particular gear in a particular
9 geographical area.

10 (25) "Food, food waste, or other substance" includes human and
11 pet food or other waste or garbage that could attract large wild
12 carnivores.

13 (26) "Freshwater" means all waters not defined as saltwater
14 including, but not limited to, rivers upstream of the river mouth,
15 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

16 (27) "Fur-bearing animals" means game animals that shall not be
17 trapped except as authorized by the commission.

18 (28) "Fur dealer" means a person who purchases, receives, or
19 resells raw furs for commercial purposes.

20 (29) "Game animals" means wild animals that shall not be hunted
21 except as authorized by the commission.

22 (30) "Game birds" means wild birds that shall not be hunted
23 except as authorized by the commission.

24 (31) "Game farm" means property on which wildlife is held,
25 confined, propagated, hatched, fed, or otherwise raised for
26 commercial purposes, trade, or gift. The term "game farm" does not
27 include publicly owned facilities.

28 (32) "Game reserve" means a closed area where hunting for all
29 wild animals and wild birds is prohibited.

30 (33) "To hunt" and its derivatives means an effort to kill,
31 injure, harass, harvest, or capture a wild animal or wild bird.

32 (34) "Illegal items" means those items unlawful to be possessed.

33 (35)(a) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means
34 to purposefully or knowingly provide, leave, or place in, on, or
35 about any land or building any food, food waste, or other substance
36 that attracts or could attract large wild carnivores to that land or
37 building.

38 (b) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not
39 include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed
40 garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically

1 directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority
2 to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

3 (36) "Large wild carnivore" includes wild bear, cougar, and wolf.

4 (37) "License year" means the period of time for which a
5 recreational license is valid. The license year begins April 1st, and
6 ends March 31st.

7 (38) "Limited-entry license" means a license subject to a license
8 limitation program established in chapter 77.70 RCW.

9 (39) "Limited fish seller" means a licensed commercial fisher who
10 sells his or her fish or shellfish to anyone other than a wholesale
11 fish buyer thereby triggering the need to obtain a limited fish
12 seller endorsement under RCW 77.65.510.

13 (40) "Money" means all currency, script, personal checks, money
14 orders, or other negotiable instruments.

15 (41) "Natural person" means a human being.

16 (42)(a) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means to
17 provide, leave, or place in, on, or about any land or building any
18 food, food waste, or other substance that attracts or could attract
19 large wild carnivores to that land or building, without the awareness
20 that a reasonable person in the same situation would have with regard
21 to the likelihood that the food, food waste, or other substance could
22 attract large wild carnivores to the land or building.

23 (b) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not
24 include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed
25 garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically
26 directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority
27 to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

28 (43) "Nonresident" means a person who has not fulfilled the
29 qualifications of a resident.

30 (44) "Offshore waters" means marine waters of the Pacific Ocean
31 outside the territorial boundaries of the state, including the marine
32 waters of other states and countries.

33 (45) "Open season" means those times, manners of taking, and
34 places or waters established by rule of the commission for the lawful
35 hunting, fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds,
36 game fish, food fish, or shellfish that conform to the special
37 restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the
38 commission or that have otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish,
39 take, or possess by rule of the commission. "Open season" includes
40 the first and last days of the established time.

1 (46) "Owner" means the person in whom is vested the ownership
2 dominion, or title of the property.

3 (47) "Person" means and includes an individual; a corporation; a
4 public or private entity or organization; a local, state, or federal
5 agency; all business organizations, including corporations and
6 partnerships; or a group of two or more individuals acting with a
7 common purpose whether acting in an individual, representative, or
8 official capacity.

9 (48) "Personal property" or "property" includes both corporeal
10 and incorporeal personal property and includes, among other property,
11 contraband and money.

12 (49) "Personal use" means for the private use of the individual
13 taking the fish or shellfish and not for sale or barter.

14 (50) "Predatory birds" means wild birds that may be hunted
15 throughout the year as authorized by the commission.

16 (51) "To process" and its derivatives mean preparing or
17 preserving fish, wildlife, or shellfish.

18 (52) "Protected wildlife" means wildlife designated by the
19 commission that shall not be hunted or fished.

20 (53) "Raffle" means an activity in which tickets bearing an
21 individual number are sold for not more than (~~twenty-five dollars~~)
22 \$25 each and in which a permit or permits are awarded to hunt or for
23 access to hunt big game animals or wild turkeys on the basis of a
24 drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the
25 raffle.

26 (54) "Resident" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 77.08.075.

27 (55) "Saltwater" means those marine waters seaward of river
28 mouths.

29 (56) "Seaweed" means marine aquatic plant species that are
30 dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in
31 either an attached or free floating form, and includes but is not
32 limited to marine aquatic plants in the classes Chlorophyta,
33 Phaeophyta, and Rhodophyta.

34 (57) "Senior" means a person (~~seventy~~) 70 years old or older.

35 (58) "Shark fin" means a raw, dried, or otherwise processed
36 detached fin or tail of a shark.

37 (59)(a) "Shark fin derivative product" means any product intended
38 for use by humans or animals that is derived in whole or in part from
39 shark fins or shark fin cartilage.

1 (b) "Shark fin derivative product" does not include a drug
2 approved by the United States food and drug administration and
3 available by prescription only or medical device or vaccine approved
4 by the United States food and drug administration.

5 (60) "Shellfish" means those species of marine and freshwater
6 invertebrates that have been classified and that shall not be taken
7 or possessed except as authorized by rule of the commission. The term
8 "shellfish" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts
9 of shellfish species.

10 (61) "State waters" means all marine waters and fresh waters
11 within ordinary high water lines and within the territorial
12 boundaries of the state.

13 (62) "To take" and its derivatives means to kill, injure,
14 harvest, or capture a fish, shellfish, wild animal, bird, or seaweed.

15 (63) "Taxidermist" means a person who, for commercial purposes,
16 creates lifelike representations of fish and wildlife using fish and
17 wildlife parts and various supporting structures.

18 (64) "Trafficking" means offering, attempting to engage, or
19 engaging in sale, barter, or purchase of fish, shellfish, wildlife,
20 or deleterious exotic wildlife.

21 (65) "To trap" and its derivatives means a method of hunting
22 using devices to capture wild animals or wild birds.

23 (66) "Unclaimed" means that no owner of the property has been
24 identified or has requested, in writing, the release of the property
25 to themselves nor has the owner of the property designated an
26 individual to receive the property or paid the required postage to
27 effect delivery of the property.

28 (67) "Unclassified wildlife" means wildlife existing in
29 Washington in a wild state that have not been classified as big game,
30 game animals, game birds, predatory birds, protected wildlife,
31 endangered wildlife, or deleterious exotic wildlife.

32 (68) "To waste" or "to be wasted" means to allow any edible
33 portion of any game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big
34 game animal other than cougar to be rendered unfit for human
35 consumption, or to fail to retrieve edible portions of such a game
36 bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big game animal other than
37 cougar from the field. For purposes of this chapter, edible portions
38 of game birds must include, at a minimum, the breast meat of those
39 birds. Entrails, including the heart and liver, of any wildlife
40 species are not considered edible.

1 (69) "Wholesale fish buyer" means a person who engages in any
2 fish buying or selling activity that triggers the need to obtain a
3 wholesale fish buyer endorsement under RCW 77.65.340.

4 (70) "Wild animals" means those species of the class Mammalia
5 whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. The term "wild
6 animal" does not include feral domestic mammals or old world rats and
7 mice of the family Muridae of the order Rodentia.

8 (71) "Wild birds" means those species of the class Aves whose
9 members exist in Washington in a wild state.

10 (72) "Wildlife" means all species of the animal kingdom whose
11 members exist in Washington in a wild state. This includes but is not
12 limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and
13 invertebrates. The term "wildlife" does not include feral domestic
14 mammals, old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order
15 Rodentia, or those fish, shellfish, and marine invertebrates
16 classified as food fish or shellfish by the director. The term
17 "wildlife" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of
18 wildlife members.

19 (73) "Wildlife meat cutter" means a person who packs, cuts,
20 processes, or stores wildlife for consumption for another for
21 commercial purposes.

22 (74) "Youth" means a person (~~((fifteen years old for fishing and))~~)
23 under (~~((sixteen))~~) 16 years old for fishing and hunting.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.810 and 1998 c 191 s 30 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (~~((As provided in RCW 77.32.440, a portion))~~) Two percent of the
27 revenue received from the sale of each small game hunting license fee
28 shall be deposited in the eastern Washington pheasant enhancement
29 account created in RCW 77.12.820.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.070 and 2008 c 244 s 1 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) Applicants for a license, permit, tag, or stamp shall furnish
33 the information required by the director. However, the director may
34 not require the purchaser of a razor clam license under RCW 77.32.520
35 to provide any personal information except for proof of residency.
36 The commission may adopt rules requiring licensees or permittees to
37 keep records and make reports concerning the taking of or effort to
38 harvest fish, shellfish, and wildlife. The reporting requirement may

1 be waived where, for any reason, the department is not able to
2 receive the report. The department must provide reasonable options
3 for a licensee to submit information to a live operator prior to the
4 reporting deadline.

5 (2) (a) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty
6 for failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of taking or
7 effort to harvest wildlife. The commission may also adopt rules
8 requiring hunters who have not reported (~~for the previous license~~
9 ~~year~~) to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative
10 penalty before a new hunting license is issued.

11 (~~((a) The total administrative penalty per hunter set by the~~
12 ~~commission must not exceed ten dollars.))~~)

13 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report
14 the rate of hunter compliance with the harvest reporting requirement,
15 the administrative penalty imposed for failing to report, and the
16 amount of administrative penalties collected during that year to the
17 appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of
18 representatives.

19 (3) (a) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty
20 for failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of data from
21 catch record cards officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness
22 crab. The commission may also adopt rules requiring fishers who
23 possessed a catch record card officially endorsed for Puget Sound
24 Dungeness crab and who have not reported (~~for the previous license~~
25 ~~year~~) to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative
26 penalty before a new catch record card officially endorsed for Puget
27 Sound Dungeness crab is issued.

28 (~~((a) The total administrative penalty per fisher set by the~~
29 ~~commission must not exceed ten dollars.))~~)

30 (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report
31 the rate of fisher compliance with the Puget Sound Dungeness crab
32 catch record card reporting requirement, the administrative penalty
33 imposed for failing to report, and the amount of administrative
34 penalties collected during that year to the appropriate fiscal and
35 policy committees of the senate and house of representatives.

36 (4) Fees for recreational fishing are specified in section 16 of
37 this act and fees for hunting are specified in section 17 of this
38 act.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.155 and 2017 c 255 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) (a) When purchasing any hunting license, persons under the age
4 of (~~eighteen~~) 18 shall present certification of completion of a
5 course of instruction of at least (~~ten~~) 10 hours in the safe
6 handling of firearms, safety, conservation, and sporting/hunting
7 behavior. All persons purchasing any hunting license for the first
8 time, if born after January 1, 1972, shall present such
9 certification.

10 (b) (i) The director may establish a program for training persons
11 in the safe handling of firearms, conservation, and sporting/hunting
12 behavior and shall prescribe the type of instruction and the
13 qualifications of the instructors. The director shall, as part of
14 establishing the training program, exempt the following individuals
15 from the firearms skills portion of any instruction course completed
16 over the internet:

17 (A) Members of the United States military;

18 (B) Current or retired general authority Washington peace
19 officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020;

20 (C) Current or retired limited authority Washington peace
21 officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020, if the officer is or was duly
22 authorized by his or her employer to carry a concealed pistol;

23 (D) Current or retired specially commissioned Washington peace
24 officers as defined in RCW 10.93.020, if the officer is or was duly
25 authorized by his or her commissioning agency to carry a concealed
26 pistol; and

27 (E) Current or retired Washington peace officers as defined in
28 RCW 43.101.010 who have met the requirements of RCW 43.101.095 or
29 43.101.157 and whose certification is in good standing or has not
30 been revoked.

31 (ii) The director may cooperate with the national rifle
32 association, organized sports/outdoor enthusiasts' groups, or other
33 public or private organizations when establishing the training
34 program.

35 (c) Upon the successful completion of a course established under
36 this section, the trainee shall receive a hunter education
37 certificate signed by an authorized instructor. The certificate is
38 evidence of compliance with this section.

1 (d) The director may accept certificates from other states that
2 persons have successfully completed firearm safety, hunter education,
3 or similar courses as evidence of compliance with this section.

4 (2)(a) The director may authorize a once in a lifetime, one
5 license year deferral of hunter education training for individuals
6 who are accompanied, while hunting, by a nondeferred Washington-
7 licensed hunter who (~~has held a Washington hunting license for the~~
8 ~~prior three years and~~) is over (~~eighteen~~) 18 years of age. The
9 commission shall adopt rules for the administration of this
10 subsection to avoid potential fraud and abuse.

11 (b) The director is authorized to collect an application fee(~~(7~~
12 ~~not to exceed twenty dollars,~~) for obtaining the once in a lifetime,
13 one license year deferral of hunter education training from the
14 department. This fee must be deposited into the fish and wildlife
15 enforcement reward account and must be used exclusively to administer
16 the deferral program created in this subsection.

17 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "accompanied" means to
18 go along with another person while staying within a range of the
19 other person that permits continual unaided visual and auditory
20 communication.

21 (3) To encourage the participation of an adequate number of
22 instructors for the training program, the commission shall develop
23 nonmonetary incentives available to individuals who commit to serving
24 as an instructor. The incentives may include additional hunting
25 opportunities for instructors.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.350 and 2011 c 339 s 7 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 In addition to a small game hunting license, a supplemental
29 migratory bird permit is required to hunt for migratory birds.

30 ((A)) The migratory bird permit is required for all persons
31 (~~sixteen years of age or older to hunt migratory birds. The fee for~~
32 ~~the permit for hunters is fifteen dollars for residents and~~
33 ~~nonresidents~~). Furthermore, a migratory bird authorization is
34 required for all persons to hunt band-tailed pigeon, brant, sea duck,
35 snow goose, and southwest Canada goose.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.32.370 and 2011 c 339 s 8 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) A special hunting season permit is required to hunt in each
2 special season.

3 (2) Persons may apply for special hunting season permits as
4 provided by rule of the commission.

5 (3) ~~((The))~~ Persons may apply for multiple season hunting season
6 permits as provided by rule of the commission.

7 (4) Persons may apply for special hunting "quality" permits as
8 provided by rule of the commission. The commission designates as
9 "quality" hunts those that allow the harvest of buck deer, bull elk,
10 or allow the harvest of male big game species that are only available
11 for hunting by a special hunting permit. The commission may authorize
12 a special hunting permit for goat, sheep, moose, or other big game
13 species not specified.

14 (5) An application fee is required to enter a drawing for ((a
15 special hunting season permit or authorization is:

16 ~~(a) Six dollars for residents, or one hundred dollars for~~
17 ~~nonresidents, for the permits in categories designated by the~~
18 ~~commission for deer or elk, female big game, or for small game;~~

19 ~~(b) Twelve dollars for residents, or one hundred dollars for~~
20 ~~nonresidents, for the permits that the commission designates as~~
21 ~~"quality" hunts that allow the harvest of buck deer, bull elk, or~~
22 ~~allow the harvest of male big game species that are only available~~
23 ~~for hunting by special permit;~~

24 ~~(c) Twelve dollars for residents and nonresidents to apply for~~
25 ~~special authorizations to hunt for migratory birds; and~~

26 ~~(d) Three dollars for youth for any special hunt drawing or~~
27 ~~special authorization)) all permits in this section.~~

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 77.32.430 and 2020 c 148 s 18 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) Catch record card information is necessary for proper
31 management of the state's food fish and game fish species and
32 shellfish resources. Catch record card administration shall be under
33 rules adopted by the commission. Except as provided in this section,
34 there is no charge for an initial catch record card. Each subsequent
35 or duplicate catch record card ~~((costs eleven dollars))~~ is subject to
36 a fee.

37 (2) A license to take and possess Dungeness crab is only valid in
38 Puget Sound waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line if the fisher has
39 in possession a valid catch record card officially endorsed for

1 Dungeness crab. (~~The endorsement shall cost no more than seven~~
2 ~~dollars and fifty cents when purchased for a personal use saltwater,~~
3 ~~combination, or shellfish and seaweed license. The endorsement shall~~
4 ~~cost no more than three dollars when purchased for a temporary~~
5 ~~combination fishing license authorized under RCW 77.32.470(3)(a).)~~)

6 (3) Catch record cards issued with affixed temporary short-term
7 charter stamp licenses are neither subject to the (~~ten-dollar~~
8 ~~charge~~) fee nor to the Dungeness crab endorsement fee provided for
9 in this section. Charter boat or guide operators issuing temporary
10 short-term charter stamp licenses shall affix the stamp to each catch
11 record card issued before fishing commences. Catch record cards
12 issued with a temporary short-term charter stamp are valid for one
13 day.

14 (4) A catch record card for halibut (~~may not cost more than five~~
15 ~~dollars~~) is subject to a fee when purchased with an annual saltwater
16 or combination fishing license and must be provided at no cost for
17 those who purchase a one-day temporary (~~saltwater~~) combination
18 fishing license or one-day temporary charter stamp.

19 (5) The department shall include provisions for recording marked
20 and unmarked salmon in catch record cards issued after March 31,
21 2004.

22 (6)(a) The funds received from the sale of catch record cards,
23 catch card penalty fees, and the Dungeness crab endorsement must be
24 deposited into the limited fish and wildlife account created in RCW
25 77.12.170(1).

26 (i)(A) (~~One dollar of the funds~~) Eleven percent of the revenue
27 received from the sale of each Dungeness crab endorsement must be
28 used for the removal and disposal of derelict shellfish gear either
29 directly by the department or under contract with a third party. The
30 department is required to maintain a separate accounting of these
31 funds and provide an annual report to the commission and the
32 legislature by January 1st of every year.

33 (B) The remaining portion of the funds received from the sale of
34 each Dungeness crab endorsement must be used for education, sampling,
35 monitoring, and management of catch associated with the Dungeness
36 crab recreational fisheries.

37 (ii) Funds received from the sale of halibut catch record cards
38 must be used for monitoring and management of recreational halibut
39 fisheries, including expanding opportunities for recreational
40 anglers.

1 (b) Moneys allocated under this section shall supplement and not
2 supplant other federal, state, and local funds used for Dungeness
3 crab recreational fisheries management.

4 **Sec. 8.** RCW 77.32.440 and 1999 c 235 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 ~~((1) The commission shall adopt rules to continue funding
7 current))~~ Enhancement programs ((at levels equal to the participation
8 of licensees in each of the individual enhancement programs. All
9 enhancement funding will continue to be deposited directly into the
10 individual accounts created for each enhancement.

11 ~~(2) In implementing subsection (1) of this section with regard to
12 warm water game fish, the department shall deposit in the warm water
13 game fish account the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand
14 dollars each fiscal year during the fiscal years 1999 and 2000, based
15 on two hundred fifty thousand warm water anglers. Beginning in fiscal
16 year 2001, and each year thereafter, the deposit to the warm water
17 game fish account established in this subsection shall be adjusted
18 annually to reflect the actual numbers of license holders fishing for
19 warm water game fish based on an annual survey of licensed anglers
20 from the previous year conducted by the department beginning with the
21 April 1, 1999, to March 31, 2000, license year survey))~~ receive
22 revenue using a percentage rate applied to the fee of each eligible
23 license and deposited within each dedicated account as follows:

24 (1) Six and eight-tenths percent of all freshwater and
25 combination fishing licenses, including temporary combination fishing
26 licenses, must be deposited in the warm water game fish account
27 created in RCW 77.44.050;

28 (2) Twelve percent of all saltwater and combination fishing
29 licenses, including temporary combination fishing licenses, must be
30 deposited in the recreational fisheries enhancement account created
31 in RCW 77.105.150; and

32 (3) Two and three-tenths percent of all saltwater, freshwater,
33 and combination fishing licenses, including temporary combination
34 fishing licenses, must be deposited in the regional fisheries
35 enhancement group account created in RCW 77.95.090.

36 **Sec. 9.** RCW 77.32.450 and 2011 c 339 s 10 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) A big game hunting license is required to hunt for big game.
2 A big game license allows the holder to hunt for forest grouse,
3 unclassified wildlife, and the individual species identified within a
4 specific big game combination license package. Each big game license
5 includes one transport tag for each species purchased in that
6 package. A hunter may not purchase more than one license for each big
7 game species except as authorized by rule of the commission. ((The
8 fees for annual big game combination packages are as follows:

9 ~~(a) Big game number 1: Deer, elk, bear, and cougar. The fee for
10 this license is eighty-five dollars for residents, seven hundred
11 eighty dollars for nonresidents, and forty dollars for youth.~~

12 ~~(b) Big game number 2: Deer and elk. The fee for this license is
13 seventy-five dollars for residents, six hundred seventy dollars for
14 nonresidents, and thirty-five dollars for youth.~~

15 ~~(c) Big game number 3: Deer. The fee for this license is thirty-
16 nine dollars for residents, three hundred ninety-three dollars for
17 nonresidents, and eighteen dollars for youth.~~

18 ~~(d) Big game number 4: Elk. The fee for this license is forty-
19 four dollars for residents, four hundred fifty dollars for
20 nonresidents, and eighteen dollars for youth.~~

21 ~~(e) Big game number 5: Bear. The fee for this license is twenty
22 dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents, and ten
23 dollars for youth.~~

24 ~~(f) Big game number 6: Cougar. The fee for this license is twenty
25 dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents, and ten
26 dollars for youth.~~

27 ~~(2) In the event that the commission authorizes a two animal big
28 game limit, the fees for the second animal are as follows:~~

29 ~~(a) Elk: The fee is sixty dollars for residents, three hundred
30 fifty dollars for nonresidents, and twenty dollars for youth.~~

31 ~~(b) Deer: The fee is sixty dollars for residents, two hundred
32 fifty dollars for nonresidents, and twenty dollars for youth.~~

33 ~~(3)) (2) In the event that the commission authorizes a special
34 hunt permit ((~~hunt~~)) for goat, sheep, moose, or other big game
35 species not specified ((~~the permit fees are three hundred dollars for
36 residents, one thousand five hundred dollars for nonresidents, and
37 fifty dollars for youth~~)), a license is required and is subject to a
38 fee.~~

39 ~~((4)) (3) Multiple season big game ((~~permit~~)) tag: The
40 commission may, by rule, offer permits for hunters to hunt deer or~~

1 elk during more than one general season. Only one deer or elk may be
2 harvested annually under a multiple season big game (~~(permit)~~) tag.
3 (~~The fee is one hundred sixty-five dollars,~~
4 ~~(5)~~) (4) Authorization to hunt the species set out under
5 subsection (~~(3)~~) (2) of this section is by special permit issued
6 under RCW 77.32.370.

7 **Sec. 10.** RCW 77.32.460 and 2020 c 148 s 19 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) A small game hunting license is required to hunt for all
10 classified wild animals and wild birds, except big game. A small game
11 license also allows the holder to hunt for unclassified wildlife.

12 (~~(a) The fee for this license is thirty-five dollars for~~
13 ~~residents, one hundred sixty-five dollars for nonresidents, and~~
14 ~~fifteen dollars for youth.~~

15 ~~(b) The fee for this license if purchased at the same time as a~~
16 ~~big game combination license package is twenty dollars for residents,~~
17 ~~eighty-eight dollars for nonresidents, and eight dollars for youth.~~

18 ~~(c) The fee for a three-consecutive-day small game license is~~
19 ~~sixty dollars for nonresidents.)~~

20 (2) (a) In addition to a small game license, a turkey tag is
21 required to hunt for turkey.

22 (~~(a) The fee for a primary turkey tag is fourteen dollars for~~
23 ~~residents and forty dollars for nonresidents. A primary turkey tag~~
24 ~~will, on request, be issued to the purchaser of a youth small game~~
25 ~~license at no charge.~~

26 ~~(b) The fee for each additional turkey tag is fourteen dollars~~
27 ~~for residents, sixty dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for~~
28 ~~youth.~~

29 ~~(c) One-third of the moneys received from turkey tags must be~~
30 ~~appropriated solely for the purposes of turkey management within the~~
31 ~~limited fish and wildlife account. An additional one-third)) (b) Two-~~

32 thirds of the moneys received from turkey tags must be appropriated
33 solely for turkey or upland game bird management within the limited
34 fish and wildlife account created in RCW 77.12.170(1). The remainder
35 of the moneys received from turkey tags must be appropriated to the
36 fish, wildlife, and conservation account created in RCW 77.12.170(3).
37 Moneys received from turkey tags may not supplant existing funds
38 provided for these purposes.

1 **Sec. 11.** RCW 77.32.470 and 2020 c 148 s 20 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) A personal use saltwater, freshwater, combination, or
4 temporary (~~(, or family fishing weekend)~~) license is required for all
5 persons (~~(fifteen)~~) 16 years of age or older to fish for or possess
6 fish taken for personal use from state waters or offshore waters.

7 (~~(2) The fees for annual personal use saltwater, freshwater, or~~
8 ~~combination licenses are as follows:)~~)

9 (a) A combination license allows the holder to fish for or
10 possess fish, shellfish, and seaweed from state waters or offshore
11 waters. (~~The fee for this license is forty-five dollars for~~
12 ~~residents, one hundred eight dollars for nonresidents, and five~~
13 ~~dollars for youth.)~~) There is an additional (~~(fifty-cent)~~) 50 cent
14 surcharge for this license, to be deposited in the rockfish research
15 account created in RCW 77.12.702.

16 (b) A saltwater license allows the holder to fish for or possess
17 fish taken from saltwater areas. (~~The fee for this license is~~
18 ~~twenty-five dollars for residents, fifty-two dollars for~~
19 ~~nonresidents, and five dollars for resident seniors.)~~) There is an
20 additional (~~(fifty-cent)~~) 50 cent surcharge for this license, to be
21 deposited in the rockfish research account created in RCW 77.12.702.

22 (c) A freshwater license allows the holder to fish for, take, or
23 possess food fish or game fish species in all freshwater areas. (~~The~~
24 ~~fee for this license is twenty-five dollars for residents, seventy-~~
25 ~~five dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for resident seniors.~~

26 ~~(3))~~ (2) (a) A temporary combination fishing license is valid for
27 one to three consecutive days and allows the holder to fish for or
28 possess fish, shellfish, and seaweed taken from state waters or
29 offshore waters. (~~The fee for this temporary fishing license is:~~

30 ~~(i) One day - Eight dollars for residents and sixteen dollars for~~
31 ~~nonresidents;~~

32 ~~(ii) Two days - Twelve dollars for residents and twenty-four~~
33 ~~dollars for nonresidents; and~~

34 ~~(iii) Three days - Fifteen dollars for residents and thirty~~
35 ~~dollars for nonresidents.)~~)

36 (b) (~~The fee for a~~) A charter stamp is (~~(eight dollars)~~) valid
37 for a one-day temporary combination fishing license for residents and
38 nonresidents for use on a charter boat as defined in RCW 77.65.150. A
39 guide stamp is valid for a one-day temporary combination fishing

1 license for residents and nonresidents for use with a guide as
2 defined in RCW 77.65.370, 77.65.480, or 77.65.590.

3 ~~(c) ((Except for active duty military personnel serving in any~~
4 ~~branch of the United States armed forces, the temporary combination~~
5 ~~fishing license is not valid on game fish species for an eight-~~
6 ~~consecutive-day period beginning on the opening day of the lowland~~
7 ~~lake fishing season as defined by rule of the commission.~~

8 ~~(d))~~ The temporary combination fishing license fee for active
9 duty military personnel serving in any branch of the United States
10 armed forces is the resident rate ~~((as set forth in (a) of this~~
11 ~~subsection))~~. Active duty military personnel must provide a valid
12 military identification card at the time of purchase of the temporary
13 license to qualify for the resident rate.

14 ~~((e))~~ (d) There is an additional ~~((fifty-cent))~~ 50 cent
15 surcharge on the temporary combination fishing license and the
16 associated charter stamp, to be deposited in the rockfish research
17 account created in RCW 77.12.702.

18 ~~((4) A family fishing weekend license allows for a maximum of~~
19 ~~six anglers: One resident and five youth; two residents and four~~
20 ~~youth; or one resident, one nonresident, and four youth. This license~~
21 ~~allows the holders to fish for or possess fish taken from state~~
22 ~~waters or offshore waters. The fee for this license is twenty~~
23 ~~dollars. This license is only valid during periods as specified by~~
24 ~~rule of the department.~~

25 ~~(5))~~ (3) The commission may adopt rules to create and sell
26 combination licenses for all hunting and fishing activities at or
27 below a fee equal to the total cost of the individual license
28 contained within any combination.

29 ~~((6))~~ (4) The commission may adopt rules to allow the use of
30 two fishing poles per fishing license holder for use on selected
31 state waters. If authorized by the commission, license holders must
32 purchase a two-pole ~~((stamp))~~ endorsement to use a second pole. The
33 proceeds from the sale of the two-pole ~~((stamp))~~ endorsement must be
34 deposited into the limited fish and wildlife account created in RCW
35 77.12.170(1) and used for the operation and maintenance of state-
36 owned fish hatcheries. ~~((The fee for a two-pole stamp is thirteen~~
37 ~~dollars for residents and nonresidents, and five dollars for~~
38 ~~seniors.))~~

1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 77.32.480 and 2024 c 146 s 35 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Upon written application, a combination fishing license shall
4 be issued at the reduced rate of (~~five dollars~~) \$6.75 and all
5 hunting licenses shall be issued at the reduced rate of a youth
6 hunting license fee for the following individuals:

7 (a) A resident (~~sixty-five~~) 65 years old or older who has a
8 qualifying discharge, as defined in RCW 73.04.005, from the United
9 States armed forces and has a service-connected disability;

10 (b) A resident who has a qualifying discharge, as defined in RCW
11 73.04.005, from the United States armed forces and has a (~~thirty~~)
12 30 percent or more service-connected disability;

13 (c) A resident with a disability who permanently uses a
14 wheelchair;

15 (d) A resident who is blind or visually impaired; and

16 (e) A resident with a developmental disability as defined in RCW
17 71A.10.020 with documentation of the disability certified by a
18 physician licensed to practice in this state.

19 (2) Upon department verification of eligibility, a nonstate
20 resident veteran with a disability who otherwise satisfies the
21 criteria of subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section must be issued
22 a combination fishing license or any hunting license at the same cost
23 charged to a nondisabled Washington resident for the same license.

24 (3) Upon written application and department verification, the
25 following recreational hunting licenses must be issued at no cost to
26 a resident member of the state guard or national guard, as defined in
27 RCW 38.04.010, as long as the state guard or national guard member
28 is: An active full-time state guard or national guard employee; or a
29 state guard or national guard member whose status requires the state
30 guard or national guard member to participate in drill training on a
31 part-time basis:

32 (a) A small game hunting license under RCW 77.32.460(1);

33 (b) A supplemental migratory bird permit under RCW 77.32.350; and

34 (c) A big game hunting license under RCW 77.32.450(1) (~~and~~
35 ~~(2)~~)).

36 **Sec. 13.** RCW 77.32.520 and 2011 c 339 s 13 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) A personal use shellfish and seaweed license is required for
39 all persons other than residents or nonresidents under (~~fifteen~~) 16

1 years of age to fish for, take, dig for, or possess seaweed or
2 shellfish, including razor clams, for personal use from state waters
3 or offshore waters including national park beaches.

4 (2) A razor clam license allows a person to harvest only razor
5 clams for personal use from state waters, including national park
6 beaches.

7 ~~(3) ((The fees for annual personal use shellfish and seaweed
8 licenses are:~~

9 ~~(a) For a resident fifteen years of age or older, ten dollars;~~

10 ~~(b) For a nonresident fifteen years of age or older, twenty-seven
11 dollars; and~~

12 ~~(c) For a senior, five dollars.~~

13 ~~(4) The fee for an annual razor clam license is eight dollars for
14 residents, fifteen dollars for nonresidents, and eight dollars for
15 seniors.~~

16 ~~(5) The fee for a three-day razor clam license is five dollars
17 for both residents and nonresidents.~~

18 ~~(6))~~ A personal use shellfish and seaweed license or razor clam
19 license must be in immediate possession of the licensee and available
20 for inspection while a licensee is harvesting shellfish or seaweed.
21 However, the license does not need to be visible at all times.

22 **Sec. 14.** RCW 77.32.570 and 2009 c 333 s 15 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) In order to effectively manage wildlife in areas or at times
25 when a higher proficiency and demonstrated skill level are needed for
26 resource protection or public safety, the department establishes the
27 master hunter permit program. The master hunter permit program
28 emphasizes safe, ethical, responsible, and lawful hunting practices.
29 Program goals include improving the public's perception of hunting
30 and perpetuating the highest hunting standards.

31 (2) A master hunter permit is required to participate in
32 controlled hunts to eliminate problem animals that damage property or
33 threaten public safety. The commission may establish by rule the
34 requirements an applicant must comply with when applying for or
35 renewing a master hunter permit ~~((r))~~ including l but not limited to l
36 a criminal background check. The director may establish an advisory
37 group to assist the department with administering the master hunter
38 ~~((permit))~~ permit program.

1	Catch record cards			1st card free, additional cards \$15.18/each		77.32.430
2	Halibut catch record card	\$6.90	\$6.90	\$6.90	Free	77.32.430
3	Two-pole endorsement	\$17.94	\$17.94	\$6.90	----	77.32.470
4	Puget Sound crab	\$10.35	\$10.35	\$10.35	Free	77.32.430
5	endorsement					
6	Puget Sound crab	\$4.14	\$4.14	\$4.14	----	77.32.430
7	endorsement on 1-3 day temp.					
8	1-day charter stamp	\$11.73	\$11.73	\$11.73	----	77.32.470
9	1-day guide stamp	\$11.73	\$11.73	\$11.73	----	77.32.470

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 Hunting fee table

13	LICENSE TYPES	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT	RESIDENT	YOUTH	RCW
14				SENIOR		
15	Big game					
16	Deer+elk+bear+cougar license	\$117.30	\$1,076.40	\$40.00	\$40.00	77.32.450
17	Deer+elk+bear+cougar license	\$144.90	\$1,197.84	\$49.38	\$49.38	77.32.450/
18	w/discounted small game					77.32.460
19	license					
20	Deer+elk license	\$103.50	\$924.60	\$35.19	\$35.19	77.32.450
21	Deer+elk license w/discounted	\$130.37	\$1,046.04	\$44.33	\$44.33	77.32.450/
22	small game license					77.32.460
23	Deer license	\$53.82	\$542.34	\$18.30	\$18.30	77.32.450
24	Deer license w/discounted	\$81.42	\$663.78	\$27.68	\$27.68	77.32.450/
25	small game license					77.32.460
26	Elk license	\$60.72	\$621.00	\$20.64	\$20.64	77.32.450
27	Elk license w/discounted	\$88.32	\$742.44	\$30.03	\$30.03	77.32.450/
28	small game license					77.32.460
29	Bear license	\$27.60	\$276.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	77.32.450
30	Bear license w/discounted	\$55.20	\$397.44	\$19.38	\$19.38	77.32.450/
31	small game license					77.32.460
32	Cougar license	\$27.60	\$276.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	77.32.450
33	Cougar license w/discounted	\$55.20	\$397.44	\$19.38	\$19.38	77.32.450/
34	small game license					77.32.460

1	Moose license (random	\$414.00	\$2,070.00	\$140.76	\$140.76	77.32.450
2	drawing)					
3	Mountain goat license	\$414.00	\$2,070.00	\$140.76	\$140.76	77.32.450
4	(random drawing)					
5	Bighorn sheep license	\$414.00	\$2,070.00	\$140.76	\$140.76	77.32.450
6	(random drawing)					
7	Multiple season deer tag	\$173.88	\$173.88	\$173.88	\$173.88	77.32.450
8	Multiple season elk tag	\$227.70	\$227.70	\$227.70	\$227.70	77.32.450
9	2nd deer license	\$82.80	\$345.00	\$28.15	\$28.15	77.32.450
10	2nd elk license	\$82.80	\$483.00	\$28.15	\$28.15	77.32.450
11	Special hunt permit	\$8.28	\$138.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	77.32.370
12	applications					
13	Special hunt permit	\$16.56	\$138.00	\$5.63	\$5.63	77.32.370
14	application - quality					
15	Special hunt permit	\$8.28	\$138.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	77.32.370/
16	application - multiple season					77.32.450
17	Hunter deferral card	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	77.32.155
18	Master hunter permit initial	\$69.00	----	\$69.00	----	77.32.570
19	Master hunter permit renew	\$34.50	----	\$34.50	----	77.32.570
20						
21	Small game					
22	Small game license	\$48.30	\$227.70	\$16.42	\$16.42	77.32.460
23	3-day small game license	----	\$82.80	----	----	77.32.460
24	Turkey tag #1	\$19.32	\$55.20	\$6.57	\$6.57	77.32.460
25	Additional turkey tags	\$19.32	\$82.80	\$6.57	\$6.57	77.32.460
26	Migratory bird permit	\$20.70	\$20.70	\$20.70	\$20.70	77.32.350
27	Western Washington pheasant	\$103.50	\$207.00	\$16.42	\$16.42	77.32.575
28	license					
29	Western Washington pheasant	\$48.30	\$96.60	\$16.42	\$16.42	77.32.575
30	- 3-day license					
31	Migratory bird authorization	\$15.18	\$15.18	\$5.16	\$5.16	77.32.350
32	Special hunt permit	\$8.28	\$138.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	77.32.370
33	applications - turkey					

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The commission may establish by rule a surcharge on all fees
4 authorized under chapters 77.32, 77.65, and 77.70 RCW by November 1st
5 of each odd-numbered year if the commission determines that the
6 surcharge is necessary to fund inflationary and other increased costs
7 approved by the legislature in the biennial budget.

8 (2) The surcharge may not exceed the percentage increase needed
9 to generate revenue to offset the costs described in subsection (1)
10 of this section, and must apply equally to all fees, except the
11 surcharge does not apply to transaction fees, commercial application
12 fees, and dealer fees authorized under this title.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The commission may adopt rules to create and sell combination
16 licenses for all hunting and fishing activities at or below a fee
17 equal to the total cost of the individual license contained within
18 any combination. This includes, but is not limited to, discounts for
19 seniors and those that meet the qualifications, such as veterans who
20 are disabled as specified in RCW 77.32.480. Combination licenses may
21 span one or more license years.

22 (2) The director may offer temporary discounted promotional
23 pricing to increase angler, hunting, or wildlife viewing
24 participation.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** The following acts or parts of acts are
26 each repealed:

27 (1) 2017 3rd sp.s. c 3 s 1, 2016 c 223 s 7, & 2009 c 420 s 7
28 (uncodified);

29 (2) 2017 3rd sp.s. c 3 s 2, 2016 c 223 s 8, & 2011 c 339 s 40
30 (uncodified); and

31 (3) 2017 3rd sp.s. c 3 s 3 & 2016 c 223 s 9 (uncodified).

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** Section 18 of this act takes effect
33 September 1, 2027.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** Except for section 18 of this act, this
35 act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,

1 health, or safety, or support of the state government and its
2 existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2025.

--- **END** ---